Meeting Minutes Agricultural Commission Weare New Hampshire April 2, 2009

Final Version

Present: Mr. Luke Drake, chairman, Mr. George Malette, vice chairman and Mr. Paul Gannon, secretary.

Absent: Paul Bessey, Robert Pare, David Trumble and Ian Mc Sweeney

The session began with a motion by the vice chairman to accept as final the meeting minutes form the prior quorum. This motioned was seconded by the Chairman Drake and supported by the secretary. The motion was unanimous and the minutes accepted.

The meeting began with a presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pope regarding an FFRP easement on property they own in Weare. The idea is to place the easement on 21.5(+-) acre parcel of the property that includes the original house and farm buildings with identified prime agricultural soil. The remainder of the property would be subdivided to be used for housing, open space and wetland conservation.

The Popes made the presentation to the AGCOM for feedback and recommendations on their proposed plan understanding that the AGCOM has no binding or statutory authority regarding their plan.

Wendy from the Weare farmers market spoke with the commission. She informed the commission that she had recently taken on the responsibility of organizing the market and wanted to inform us of the market status and any needs she had identified.

The commission reviewed the layout of the elementary school garden project as developed by George Malette.

Paul V. Gannon Secretary Weare Agricultural Commission